

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 12 are pending in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been rewritten as required.

The specification has also been amended to include appropriate headings.

The application has also been amended to remove references to the claims in the specification and in the abstract of the disclosure.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner will note that the claims have been amended to remove the terminology objected to by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 12 of the application have been amended in order to specify that the form of energy into which the energy is

converted can be mechanical energy, electric energy or hydraulic energy.

The types of energy now recited in the claims can be concluded from the specification of the present application and, therefore, no new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims in paragraphs 6 through 10 of the application are also respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are patentable over the art of record.

Specifically, the references do not disclose or suggest a conversion of the kinetic energy into a mechanical, electric or hydraulic energy.

In accordance with the reference to Browne, a force introduced through the flanges 23, 24 for elongating or upsetting the strut 19 is counteracted in an opposing manner by a viskoelastic intermediate layer 26. However, the flanges 23, 24

and the viskoelastic intermediate layer 26 are rigidly connected to each other without the possibility of a relative movement.

Accordingly, this reference merely shows a possibility for counteracting in a absorbing manner an external strut excitation (elongation or upsetting through force introduction into the flanges 23, 24) through a viskoelastic material connected to the strut 19 rigidly without the possibility of a relative movement. The reference clearly does not disclose a conversion of the energy into another form of energy, specifically a mechanical, electric or hydraulic energy.

In accordance with the present invention, on the other hand, a compressible pressure medium reservoir may be provided, for example, so as to be movable by the movable strut part, so that the energy is converted into a hydraulic energy. In the same manner, it is possible to provide a coil in which the movable strut part can penetrate so that a voltage can be induced by movements of the strut part.

In addition, it is clear that in the cited references a self-supporting body with additional struts is provided. The references

do not show a vehicle with a support frame and, accordingly, it is submitted that claim 12 is also novel.

Claim 13 has been added to cover the embodiment in which the energy is converted to hydraulic energy. Applicants submit that this feature is clearly not shown in any of the cited references.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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